Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The mission of Girl Scouting is to inspire girls with the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism, and service that they may become happy and resourceful citizens; and,

Whereas, Girl Scouting is a value-rooted, people centered organization whose aim is to build better people and to teach girls responsibility, cooperation, civic pride, and respect for self and others; and,

Whereas, Katie Ritter has earned the highest award in Girl Scouting, the Girl Scout Gold Award, symbolizing outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning, and personal development; and,

Whereas, Katie has demonstrated leadership skills and acted as a role model to fellow Girl Scouts; and,

Whereas, It is altogether fitting and proper that the Governor of South Dakota recognize and commemorate Katie's outstanding accomplishments of receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 9 2005, as

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in South Dakota, and I join Katie's family and her Girl Scout leaders in congratulating her on this momentous occasion.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-ninth Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State